



Legislation Text

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer

DATE: April 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Consideration of Responses to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Invitation to Provide Comment on the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake's Land Acquisition Application

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 1, 2019, the County received a Notice from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Bureau) inviting comment on the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake's (Tribe) application to move a parcel into trust. The Bureau requested information on property taxes, assessments, government services provided, and potential zoning consistency. The accompanying information indicates that the Secretary of the Interior will consider factors such as the purpose for which the land will be used; the impacts on local government of removing said properties from the tax rolls; and jurisdictional problems and potential conflicts of land use that may arise. Staff's comments are intended to ensure that any potential demands on infrastructure and services will continue to be met for constituents throughout the area. The Bureau's recent invitation to comment represents the first, and possibly only, opportunity for the County to address potential concerns.

After careful review by staff, the County does not foresee any significant impact beyond a loss of revenue. The notice received indicates that the Tribe's intention is to retain the existing use of the property. This use is described as housing Tribal government and related programs. No further development is planned, preserving the existing character of the area. Based off this assertion, with the Main Street area in Upper Lake being zoned Commercial, the use described appears to be consistent with current zoning and land uses.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ None ☐ Budgeted ☐ Non-Budgeted
Estimated Cost:
Amount Budgeted:
Additional Requested:
Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative): None

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable): None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that your Board approve the proposed response to the Bureau's invitation to provide comments, authorizing the Chair to sign.